

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the 2nd full paragraph on pg. 5 of the Application as follows:

Preferably, the recessed portion is formed in a shape such that the ~~contact~~ area thereof is decreased gradually in accordance with a proceeding of the fitting movement of the first and second connector.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pgs. 8 and 9 of the Application as follows:

As shown in Fig. 2, the recessed portion 32 is formed in the lower face of the tongue portion 42 of the elastic lock arm 33 at the distal end portion thereof. This recessed portion 32 is formed into such a concavely-curved face that the area of contact of the ~~recessed portion 32~~ lower face of the tongue portion 42 with the projection 22 of the male connector 20 ~~is decreasing~~ decreases gradually toward the distal end of ~~this recessed portion 32~~ the lower face of the tongue portion 42. The recessed portion 32 can decrease the area of contact between the elastic lock arm 33 and the projection 22 when the elastic lock arm 33 slides over the projection 22 while the elastic lock arm 33 is ~~being brought~~ being brought into contact with the lock arm sliding-contact face 25 of the projection 22.

Please amend the 2nd full paragraph on pg. 10 of the Application as follows:

As described above, the area of contact of the ~~recessed portion 32~~ lower face of the tongue portion 42 with the projection 22 is decreased gradually in ~~accordance with the movement direction~~ accordance with the movement direction that the recessed portion 32 proceeds toward a male connector side of the projection 22, ~~and therefore.~~ Thus, the frictional force between the elastic lock arm 33 and the

projection 22 is initially decreased ~~gradually~~ as the tongue portion 42 of the elastic lock arm 33 moves ~~toward~~ along the distal end of the projection 22. Therefore, a large resilient force, tending to urge the female connector 30 in a disengaging direction away from the male connector 20 to cancel the fitted condition, is produced in the female connector 30, so that the half-fitted condition of the male and female connectors 20 and 30 can be positively detected.

Please amend the 4th full paragraph on pg. 12 of the Application as follows:

And besides, the area of contact of the ~~recessed portion 32~~ lower face of the tongue portion 42, formed in the elastic lock arm 33 of the female connector 30, is decreased gradually toward the distal end of ~~this recessed portion 32~~ the lower face of the tongue portion 42, and therefore in the half-fitted condition the frictional force between the elastic lock arm 33 and the projection 22 is decreased gradually toward the distal end of the ~~projection 22~~ elastic lock arm.